The marginally noted bulletins of the Public Health Department were issued during the year.

Bulletin No.	Name
4.	Guinea-worm disease in the State.
5.	Report of Delegation of the British Social Hygiene Council.
6.	Report of the present Status of Registration of Vital Statistics.
7.	Survey of the State for enlarged spleens, Hook-worm, etc.

BUREAU OF SANITARY ENGINEERING.

Mr. J. J. Mieldazis, B.SC., C.E., Sanitary Engineer of the Rockefeller Foundation arrived from America in February 1930 and took charge of this Bureau. Government have since issued orders for the transfer of a portion of the Water Supply and Town Planning Division of the Public Works Department to this Bureau.

BUREAU OF RURAL HEALTH.

The Rural Health Unit at Mandya which was opened in March 1929 imparted advice to the village authorities in health matters, investigated epidemic diseases and attended to vaccination work in addition to starting medical clinics in four centres within their area, one of these clinics at Maddur being for infant and maternal welfare.

Vaccination.—It is seen from the report that the number of vaccinations performed was in excess of the figures for the previous year in all Districts except Mysore. Information has not been furnished about the number of vaccinations conducted among the Adikarnatakas in the Districts of Shimoga, Kadur and Chitaldrug Districts. The Deputy Commissioners of these Districts are requested to furnish to the Director of Health separate figures under this head in their future reports.

Inspections.—The Director of Health visited 33 Urban areas and 51 villages during the year.

General.—An appraisal form based on the American model has been prescribed at the instance of Dr. Sweet for measuring the progress of the health activities in the Cities of Mysore and Bangalore and the Kolar Gold Field Sanitary Board area.

At the invitation of the Government, the League of Nations Malaria Commission visited the State during December 1929 and specially inspected the various places affected with malaria and the three malaria experimental stations. Dr. W. P. Jacocks, the Rockefeller Foundation Representative in Travancore visited Bangalore in April 1929 and kindly assisted in examining specimens of disections done at Hiriyur.

The work of the Department was on the whole satisfactory.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Reviews the Annual Administration Report on the working of the Stores Purchase Committee for the year 1929-30.

READ—

The Annual Administration Report on the working of the Stores Purchase Committee for the year 1929-30, received with letter No. 4101, dated the 11th September 1930, from the Secretary of the Committee.

ORDER NO. G. 4616-70—G. M. 53-30-3, DATED 3RD NOVEMBER 1930.

Recorded.

2. There was no change in the personnel of the Committee.

3. The Committee met eight times during the year and discussed 65 subjects. In addition to current business, *e.g.*, the scrutiny and passing of tenders, the Committee undertook and made some progress with a systematic examination of the most suitable and economical means of effecting the purchase of stores required for the several Departments. One result of this effort has been that the landing and other incidental charges incurred on consignments coming through Madras harbour have been standardised and to a certain extent reduced.

4. The total value of stores purchased in India and from abroad amounted to Rs. 25,96,320 as against Rs. 33,75,671 during the previous year. Of this, orders to the value of Rs. 9,45,574-5-4 were for foreign articles and of Rs. 16,50,744-14-2 for those made in India. All foreign materials were ordered through the Trade Commissioner for Mysore in London except cables, insulators, tallow, etc., obtained direct from firms in America and Australia which are not represented in England. With the creation of the post of the Trade Commissioner in London, Mr. H. D. Rice, who was previously the Agent in London, was appointed as Assistant to the Trade Commissioner. Purchases of Railway materials were as usual made in consultation with Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton. The policy of giving all possible encouragement to local industries and manufacturers was adhered to and in furtherance of this object, the Committee have under consideration the question of introducing the rupee tender system in the case of all stores purchased for the use of the Government Departments.

5. The Committee investigated the possibility of manufacturing locally some of the drugs, medicines, etc., which are purchased annually for the Medical Department. As a result of this investigation, Germicidal soap and Iodoform, which were hitherto obtained from abroad, have been successfully produced at the Government Soap Factory. It is also proposed to get wooden splints required for Hospital use made from the Central Jail in future.

6. The expenditure on account of the establishment of the Stores Purchase Committee including the commission paid to the Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Tritton and the fixed contribution of £ 300 towards the cost of the Trade Commissioner's Office in London, amounted to Rs. 37,164 which works out to 1·4 per cent on the total value of the orders placed by the Committee.

7. Government note with pleasure that the work of the Committee continued to be satisfactory.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Sale of the right of Collecting Toll.

READ—

Letter No. C. 467—30-31, dated 23rd August 1930, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending for reasons given that the sales of the right of collecting tolls at the State Fund Toll-gates might, with advantage to the Government and the public alike, be held by the Deputy Commissioner of each District in one central place according to a consolidated programme for the whole State to be issued by him and not separately as at present, and stating that the sales in each District might also be so timed as to afford facilities for the intending bidders to go from District to District and be present at successive sales, and suggesting that a similar procedure might be followed with advantage in respect of the sales of District Fund Toll-gates also.

ORDER NO. R. 2368-79—R. M. 3-30-3, DATED 25TH OCTOBER 1930.

Government are pleased to approve of the procedure proposed by the Revenue Commissioner and to direct that the sales be held at District Headquarters according to a suitable programme.

B. NARAYANASWAMI IYENGAR,
Offg. *Secretary to Government,*
Development Departments.